

GREMLINS

Thanks to setting and printing problems, and other pressures, the last Suburb News was more than usually sprinkled with errors, our apologies.

In the hurry we tried to fit in too much so that much was lost both in Terry Rand's complaint to the Ombudsman and in Bridget Grafton Green's interesting piece on Suburb names. Space permitting we will try to serialise the latter in more digestible form in future issues. **RW**

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South, had his plea for evening sessions rejected and leading objectors were denied the right to make submissions for which arrangements had already been agreed. The Inspector revealed the extent of his illogicality when he refused to hear any further submissions for evening sessions unless objectors were prepared to spend best part of a thousand pounds on a barrister to present the submission. One submission was funded on this basis and rejected by the Inspector.

There has been one single

evening session so far. It was held, not to enable hard-pressed objectors to give evidence their day-time jobs prevented them from presenting, but to hear the Ministry's response to those objectors who had sacrificed part of their holiday entitlement to attend daytime sessions. The attendance at that one evening session was illuminating. Over 500 members of the public turned up in contrast to the tiny handful able to attend the last daytime sessions before the Easter adjournment.

But that, of course is how the Department of Transport likes its public inquiries. With some 500 registered objectors ready to show how absurd, extravagant

and unnecessary the Ministry's scheme is, even the most hard-nosed Inspector must take steps to protect himself from exposure to the views of the public. The Prime Minister, as constituency MP for many of the registered objectors, is well aware of how aggrieved they are by the Inspector's conduct of the inquiry and we must hope that her own observations that objectors have a democratic right to be heard means that the Secretaries of State for Environment and Transport will be made aware in no uncertain terms of how unjustly objectors have been treated and how strong a case they should have for legal redress in the future. **TR**

MORE WARDENS

WOULD YOU BECOME A WARDEN

The RA is still looking for new Wardens. There is no need to worry that it will take up too much of your time, since your help is only needed at certain times of the year (not in the Winter) but in the Spring and Summer, when the Suburb is at its best!

Also, you will not have to trudge up and down dozens of streets, since collections are kept to small patches involving about 30 houses close to where you live.

Of course, being a Warden is not just about collecting annual subscriptions. You would be one of the vital links between the RA, and new and existing members. You would be helping to look after

the Suburb's interests which in the long run means looking after your interests and those of your neighbours. It is both enjoyable and rewarding and will give you a new interest in the life of Hampstead Garden Suburb.

You will find it an ideal way of making new friends and acquaintances, but if you are still not convinced, perhaps you would be prepared to place your name on a list of Reserve Wardens who can be called upon to help informally in cases of emergency. **GO ON GIVE IT A TRY!**

All enquiries for new Wardens and Reserve Wardens should be made to Anne Lawson, 68 Oakwood Road, NW11 (tel: 458 3827).

ADULTS ONLY

Hampstead Garden Suburb Dramatic Society are the first Amateur group certainly in the UK to present a production of *Veronica's Room* by *Ira Levin*. (He wrote *Rosemary's Baby*, *Boys from Brazil* and *Deathtrap* among other things.) There has been a professional production in Watford in addition to the original Broadway production, but amateur rights for performing the play here were not available.

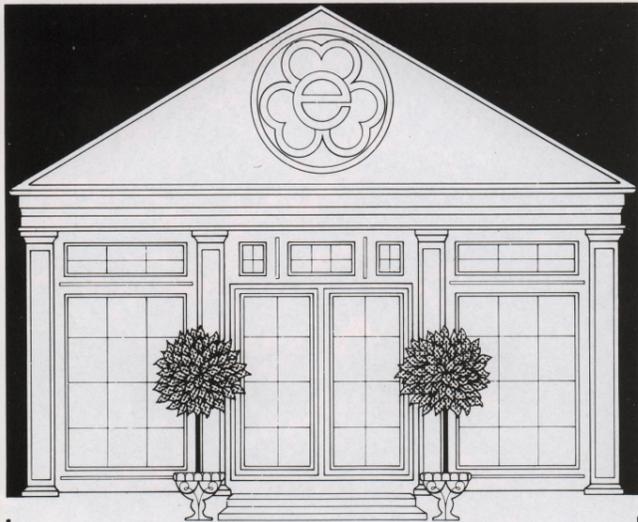
John Woolf, the director of the HGSDS production is a very determined man and solved the problem by writing to the play's American publishers. Consent was obtained and certain cuts have had to be approved by the author personally.

John and the cast are keeping very quiet about the plot of the play, which is described as a "psychological thriller", but they threaten to have you on the edge of your seats. This is certainly not a play for children or those of nervous disposition.

Performances are at 8.00pm. on 21st, 22nd and 23rd April at the Institute Theatre, Central Square, NW11. Tickets £2.50 obtainable in advance on 340 6654 or at the door.

BOOKS WANTED

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HARRINGTON GARDENERS

The Harrington Scheme is a horticultural training project in Highgate, in North London, for young people with serious learning difficulties.

The Training Course for over twenty trainees aged between 16 and 21 lasts for two years and covers a full range of horticultural activities. The emphasis is on learning to work, and social training - including simple cooking - plays an important part. The regular training on the Harrington site involves year round gardening skills, the use and care of tools and machinery, the handling of money, the use of public transport and the experience of working relationships with staff and fellow trainees. On completion of basic training, intermediate employment can be offered with Harrington Gardeners or one of Harrington's special projects, such as the Landscape Project.

Harrington Gardeners was set up in 1982 to provide employment for some of Harrington's ex-trainees. They carry out gardening work in small teams under skilled supervision on contracts from public bodies and private individuals. They have been employed by a number of Suburb residents and Fellowship.

Generous and imaginative local support comes from the Friends of the Harrington Scheme, mainly local residents, who help in countless ways. They run Open Days, arrange outings, assist with the sale of plants and produce, befriend individual trainees and help with fund-raising. This invaluable community link is well established and is an essential element in the success of the Scheme. You can become a friend by going along to the open day on May 7. See WHAT'S ON.

Allotments water scheme

Great news for allotment-holders on the Wordsworth Walk/Coleridge Walk, Creswick Walk/Addison Way, and Woodside allotment sites: the Manpower Services Commission has approved our application for a trench-digging project to allow water to be connected to these three sites. (The costs of connection, storage tanks etc. are being borne jointly by the Residents Association and the New Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, and we are very grateful to them.)

We have often been told in the past that people are deterred from applying for Suburb allotment plots because, unlike Barnet Borough allotment sites, there is no water available to keep tender seedlings alive in dry spells - well, yes, we do get them occasionally!

So, now's your chance - there are vacancies at present on the first two of these sites (and some others), and now is the time of year to start cultivating an allotment. Applications, please, to the Allotments Committee Secretary: David Meyler, 34 Wordsworth Walk, NW11 6AU (455-0691).

Calling all existing plot-holders: The Phyllis Young Memorial Trophy - won for the

first time last year by Mr. King of the "Big" Site (Wordsworth Walk/Coleridge Walk) - will be "up for winning" again this year. Last year the judges really had not too much difficulty in compiling their "short" list - let's make it more difficult for them this year. Remember, the criteria the judges apply are: (1) quality of crops for table use; (2) variety of crops; (3) tidiness; and (4) effective utilisation of available space.

Eileen Whelan
Chairman,
Allotments Committee

P.S. We shall keep you informed, by means of photographs etc., on the progress of the "water project"; and we apologise in advance to any householders who may be temporarily inconvenienced by the trench digging.

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